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Thomas Townsend, Maj. (Retired)
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Dear Mr. Townsend:

This letter responds to your correspondence of January 6, 2003, requesting the Department of Navy provide additional financial support to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) epidemiological analysis of the Camp Lejeune water survey.

The ATSDR, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is directed by congressional mandate to perform specific functions concerning the effect on public health of hazardous substances in the environment. We have fully supported ATSDR with its survey because we share your concerns.

We will continue to work with ATSDR and the Department of Navy health experts to identify additional actions that may be necessary, if any, to safeguard the health and safety of our Marines and their families.

Sincerely,

R. S. COLEMAN
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps
Assistant Deputy Commandant
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